



## Frederick R. "Rick" Corley

May 22, 1947 - February 19, 2026

Frederick R. "Rick" Corley, 77, passed away peacefully, Thursday February 19th. He was born May 22, 1947, in Rockledge, Florida, to Josephine (Crisafulli) and Harrell "H.E." Corley.

Rick graduated from Cocoa High School in 1965, after graduation he attended Lee University (formerly Lee College), where he was an active member of Upsilon Xi.

After college, he returned to Cocoa with his wife and daughter, where he managed Corley Motel & Construction until they/he moved to Leesburg. He built a successful real estate career and later owned Corley, Rowe, and Speas (CRS) Realty. An active member of the community with Sunrise Kiwanis and the Central Florida Officials Association as an umpire, referee, and youth softball coach before relocating to Maitland in 1984.

Later in life, Rick earned a degree in Education and became a teacher and coach; Rick taught at both Jupiter Christian School and The Villages Charter High School; retiring in 2023 from TVCHS.

Rick is survived by his daughter, Erika Corley (FL); sister, Chrissy Corley (AL); and many cousins, friends, and colleagues.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, March 21 at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Assembly of God in Fruitland Park. Arrangements are being handled by Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg.

Memorial donations may be made to the Education Foundation of Lake County, designated for the Leesburg Sunrise Rotary Scholarships by one of the following options:

1. EdFoundationlake.com (or via their FB page go to the website), select donate, select senior scholarships, and there will be a few questions one of which is "who is this for" and then you also have the option to say in memory of. The senior scholarships should be "tagged" Leesburg Sunrise Rotary Scholarships Funds; In memory of Rick Corley
2. Mail a check, made payable to Education Foundation of Lake County on the memo line: Leesburg Sunrise Rotary Scholarship Fund, in memory of Rick Corley. Mailing Address: 245 Pruitt Street Leesburg, FL 34748

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Assembly of God  
200 Urick St  
Fruitland Park, FL 34731  
(352) 787-0996

# Tribute Wall



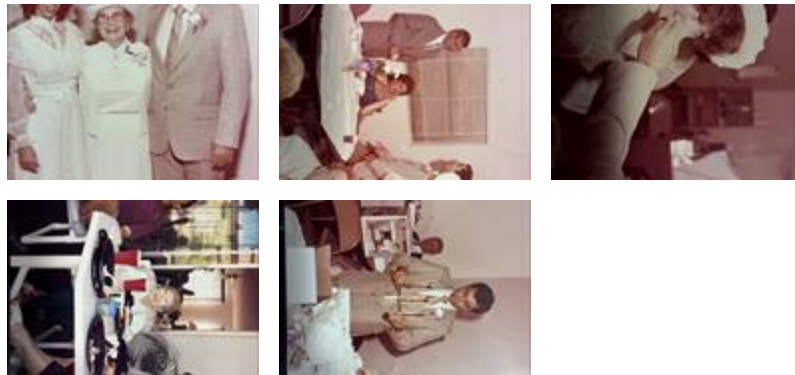
“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Frederick R. "Rick" Corley*



**Beyers Funeral Home** - March 16 at 12:37 PM



“ *Rick was married to my grandmother debbie for several years. He played a huge role in my life and taught me a lot about self respect, morals, to work hard for what you want and so much more. Ill forever be grateful and hold a special spot in my heart for for “grand dad”.*



**Taylor Judy** - March 18 at 04:28 AM



*Thank you for sharing the memories of your grandmother and my father, Taylor. What you wrote was very sweet, and I am sure he is smiling down.... God bless, Erika*

**Erika Corley** - March 18 at 09:56 AM

TF

“ *The Upsilon Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Frederick R. "Rick" Corley.*



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**The Upsilon Family** - March 17 at 03:36 PM

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“ *The Upsilon Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick R. "Rick" Corley.*

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**The Upsilon Family** - March 17 at 03:36 PM



“ Your dad Ricky was a special friend of mine growing up. I sat behind your sweet dad in the 7th grade where we always got in trouble with the science teacher, Mr. Brady! But I always felt Mr Brady liked us. We passed notes and giggled when we were supposed to be paying attention. Ricky always had a smile and good nature for everyone. It was always a pleasure being in his company. Not to forget what a handsome young man he was! We remained friends through school although we didn't have many classes together after junior high school. But I always looked forward to passing him in the hall or seeing him at events. Ricky always brought smiles and good feelings. In our senior year I was thrilled when he accepted my request to escort me when I had the honor of being in the home coming court! We got our photo in the year book! I felt so special beside my handsome Ricky! Later that year I was proud to go to prom with Ricky. He was always fun, respectful and handsome!!

I don't know anyone that didn't love your sweet father. He was always a very very special friend to everyone and to me. My heartfelt condolences go out to you. What a blessing to be his daughter. What a blessing to have called him friend. I wish I could be there this Saturday. I will be thinking of you and Ricky and saying a prayer for you both 🙏💕🙏💕



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**Erika Corley** - March 17 at 02:42 PM



Thank you for sharing, Mary Repass. I love hearing and seeing these stories.

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**Erika Corley** - March 17 at 03:26 PM

KD

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Kelly Dasilva - March 16 at 04:08 PM

MM

“ *So many great memories with coach. What a sweet man. Will be missed that's for sure*



Marlina Matthews - March 14 at 11:48 AM



*My father absolutely loved his time coaching you young ladies! I have heard many stories of you, your families, your successes in school and on the court. Thank you for sharing this photo Marlina!!*

Erika Corley - March 17 at 04:45 PM

CC

“ Rick, is my big brother and I instantly fell in love with him the first time I met him, December 18, 1960, I was 3 years old and he was 14. One of the greatest gifts of my life when Harrell and Josephine Corley adopted me into their family. Rick was always my protector from that very first time we met throughout our whole lives together. It was a bond I cherished throughout my life. We shared good times, bad times, but always an unbreakable bond. Rick gave me the nickname, "turdhead" because of my long banana curls and was unashamed to call me that any chance he could regardless of who was present. He was funny, full of personality and serious when he needed to be. After a period of time of separation, Rick and I had the God ordained opportunity to reconnect in 2023 and simply continued where we had left off. For 8 weeks, I had the utmost privilege to have my big brother in my home. God knew our time was limited and I'm grateful for that time and look back and know it was God ordained. I miss him and am so grateful for our memories we shared over 66 years. So blessed to call him my Big brother until it's my time for me to say goodbye on earth and hello again to him and all my family gone before me.

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**Christine L. Corley** - March 01 at 11:47 AM

GS

“ Never a sweeter man than Rick. We enjoyed his humor, unassuming and welcoming personality, and the happy times we all shared with him in Michigan. He will be missed. Ron and Ginger

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**ginger springer** - February 26 at 06:37 PM

TL

“ I have great memories of Uncle Rick! He was always funny and making we kids laugh! Camping, In Tennessee, was especially fun! I'll never forget when we lost our muffler and driving through the campsite, as a preteen I was so embarrassed and literally mortified! Uncle Rick, you will be missed by many. Rest in God's sweet peace.

Terri Lorenz - February 25 at 04:53 PM

AJ

“ Erika, George and I are so very sorry to hear of the passing of Uncle Rick. Although it had been years since I last saw him, I have many happy memories of the times I shared with my Uncle Rick. The fun trips to the mountains is one I will cherish forever. As long as you are on this earth, Erika, he is not gone, as you are his clone. Cherish that as I cherish this as well with my dad. I love you, 'sister-cuz'. Always. And I love you too ,Uncle Rick. Rest easy now, in the arms of our Lord. Until we meet again.....

Angela Jones - February 25 at 08:34 AM

EC

“ Pictures from Rick in his early 20's, reception with his Corley family and long-time college friend, Bill Winters



Erika Corley - February 24 at 11:06 AM

AJ

I love these photos of my Uncle Rick. He was SO very handsome.

Angela Jones - February 25 at 08:35 AM

PH

*Erika, Bill Winters just shared Rick's passing with me. We were Upsilon Brothers and he, Bill and I share many wonderful memories. Rick was a special friend to me. As a underclassman he allowed me to double date until I had car. It was fun to hang out with the Big Man On Campus.(BMOC) I looked up to him as a big brother. He will always hold a special place in my memories, I grieve his passing.*

*Paul Hammonds March 24, 2026*

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**Paul Haammonds** - March 24 at 10:30 PM



*Thank you Paul, for the kind words, and the memories. I know how proud he was to be a man of Upsilon, and his time at Lee College.*

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**Erika Corley** - April 01 at 10:50 AM

KD

*“ I have so many memories. He was a wonderful man who raised me. He was strict but also kind and caring. He taught me algebra when I really thought I could never figure it out . He would stay up tutoring me sometimes till midnight. I wish there were more men in the worlds like him. I'm so sad but it warms my heart to know he is with pretzel again.*

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**Kelly Dasilva** - February 23 at 05:37 PM

EC

“ Lee College, Admin Building, 1967.  
Rick loved his time at Lee College, not only for the school, but the  
Godly lifelong friendships he made (and of course being Upsilon XI)  
...  
He also met his college sweetheart at Lee, whom he later married  
and began his family (with), returning to Cocoa from Cleveland in  
1972, with Linda and Erika



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**Erika Corley** - February 23 at 02:27 PM

EC

“ Rick and his favorite (4-leg) son, Pretzels!



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**Erika Corley** - February 22 at 04:55 PM

EC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Erika Corley** - February 22 at 04:42 PM

LL

“ So very saddened to learn of Rick’s passing. Though our paths took different directions, we were forever linked with the greatest gift God ever gave to either of us.....our beautiful daughter, Erika. I am forever grateful for this. With his passing, my heart aches for Erika and his sister, Chrissy. I pray for comfort and peace for them and all who loved him.  
May Rick now rest in eternal peace in the arms of our Savior, as he so deserves.

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**Linda Gail Harris Carter (and Larry)** - February 22 at 07:32 AM

VF

“ Cousin Rick was the nicest person to my brother. He always treated him with respect. I will never forget how kind he was too my mom and dad. We all love him. I am glad he is at peace.

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**Victoria Fisher** - February 21 at 06:50 PM

EC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Erika Corley** - February 21 at 03:14 PM

AL

“ Our family is so sad with the passing of Rick. He was always a joy and I truly enjoyed talking with him on the few visits we made when him and aunt Joan were in Florida or when he was here for the last few years. He loved being with our big family and talking with all the nieces and nephews about their sports on the collegiate level and always shared some tips and tricks he had learned over the years. We are grateful to have him even though he was not a fan of the winters and he would laugh about it how crazy the winters are. He was just truly happiest as long as Joan was with him. The world has truly lost a good soul. Many condolences to you all.  
Andria Lamberger

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**Andria Lamberger** - February 21 at 01:19 PM

EC

Andria,  
Thank you for sharing your memories of visits, and congratulations with my father. You are correct, the world lost a lovely soul. I love how you understood his “never came to peace” with cold and snow...  
He always was awed by it, for a minute, then over it! 😊  
Kindest regards,  
Erika Corley

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**Erika Corley** - February 21 at 04:22 PM

EC

Correction, conversations with my father.

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**Erika Corley** - February 21 at 04:22 PM

KT

My brother Mike has been praying for all the family, especially Ericka and Chrissy. We all loved Rick and I remember all the time he took with my brother Mike Fisher. He was generous, hilarious and the most kind hearted and easy going person. He will be missed by his Corley cousins. Love to the family. Kathie and David Transki Family

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**Kathie V Fisher Transki** - February 22 at 12:20 AM

EC

“ *My father, Rick, through the years....  
He is pictured with his Crisafulli cousins, me as a baby, and his  
pride and joy, basketball Coach-C for the Villages Buffalo!*



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**Erika Corley** - February 21 at 10:53 AM

SG

“ *To the family of Mr Corley. As soon as I seen the name I knew him.  
My mother worked for Mr Corley at Corley Motel back when I was  
attending Cocoa High in the 70's. And on the weekends I would  
come up and help her out some. Mr Corley was teaching me how to  
run the plug Switch Board for calls going in and out of the Corley  
Motel. During the summer months he would let me swim in the pool.  
I remember the family living in a home connected to the motel. Him  
and his wife was always so nice to my mom and me. Sending my  
condolences Stella*

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**Stella Gustafson** - February 21 at 08:28 AM

EC

*Thank you for sharing; I was too young to remember the motel, other  
than photos and stories through the years.  
Kindest regards,  
Erika Corley*

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**Erika Corley** - February 21 at 04:19 PM

RS

*Rick was a special friend for 50+ years. We would loose contact for a while but reconnect and it would be like we had seen one another the day before. He and Linda were my youth directors at the church we all attended in Lady Lake. Fond memories. Rick will be missed but not forgotten.*

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**Ronnie Scott** - March 13 at 10:58 AM